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SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN REFUGEE IN KENYA

REF: (A) GENEVA 9563; (B) NAIROBI 13090; (C) STATE 285341

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM UNHCR CASE OFFICER CONCERNING MATIAS MATTER WHICH CONVEYS INFORMATION REPORTED REF A AND FOLLOWING POINTS.

A. UNHCR RECEIVED ITS INFORMATION CONCERNING MATIAS' ALLEGED FORCED RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE AND SUBSEQUENT EXECUTION IN LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 1 FROM "TWO MOZAMBICANS IN NAIROBI."

B. UNHCR THEREUPON NOTIFIED ITS BRANCH IN NAIROBI, ITS REP IN MAPUTO AND THE WRITERS OF THE LETTER OF THIS INFORMATION, REQUESTING CLARIFICATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION. AS REPORTED REF A, UNHCR HAS NOT YET (DEC. 9) RECEIVED WORD FROM ITS MAPUTO REP.

C. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION CONTAINED REF B, UNHCR SAYS THAT ITS NAIROBI REP HAS CONFIRMED THAT MATIAS SOUGHT TO GO TO MALAWI IN JANUARY PRIOR TO RETURNING TO MOZAMBIQUE AND APPLIED FOR A CONVENTION TRAVEL DOCUMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTARY RE-
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PATRIATION. NECESSARY FORMS WERE SIGNED BY HIM ON

FEB. 25 AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR HIM TO PROCEED BY AIR TWICE, ON MARCH 5 AND MARCH 12. HE FAILED TO MAKE USE OF THESE SERVICES AND THE TICKETS WERE ACCORDINGLY CANCELLED. UNHCR NAIROBI BRANCH LEARNED FROM JOINT REFUGEE SERVICES IN KENYA THAT MATIAS MAY HAVE LEFT KENYA IN DIRECTION OF TANSANIA. IT REPORTS NO NEWS HAS BEEN AVAILABLE IN KENYA CONCERNING MATIAS SINCE THAT TIME.

2. IN CONVERSATION TODAY, UNHCR CASE OFFICER CONFIDED TO MISOFF THAT HE SUSPECTS THAT "THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY" IN THE STORY, AND HE PERSONALLY DOUBTS THAT MATIAS EVER ARRIVED IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE ADDED THAT REPORTED TREATMENT OF MATIAS "SIMPLY IS NOT CONSISTENT" WITH OTHER INFORMATION THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM MAPUTO. HE PROMISED TO KEEP MISSION CLOSELY AND PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE.

3. ON OTHER HAND, MISOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH VAN HOOGSTATEN AT ICVA CONFERENCE IN LEYSIN DECEMBER 7, AND WAS TOLD THAT LATTER WAS POSITIVE THAT MATIAS HAS BEEN EXECUTED IN MOZAMBIQUE AS REPORTED IN LETTER TO SENATOR KENNEDY (REF C). ALTHOUGH VAN HOOGSTATEN DID NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, IMPLICATION WAS CLEAR THAT IT DERIVED FROM WCC-AFFILIATED INDIVIDUALS IN MOZAMBIQUE. CATTO

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